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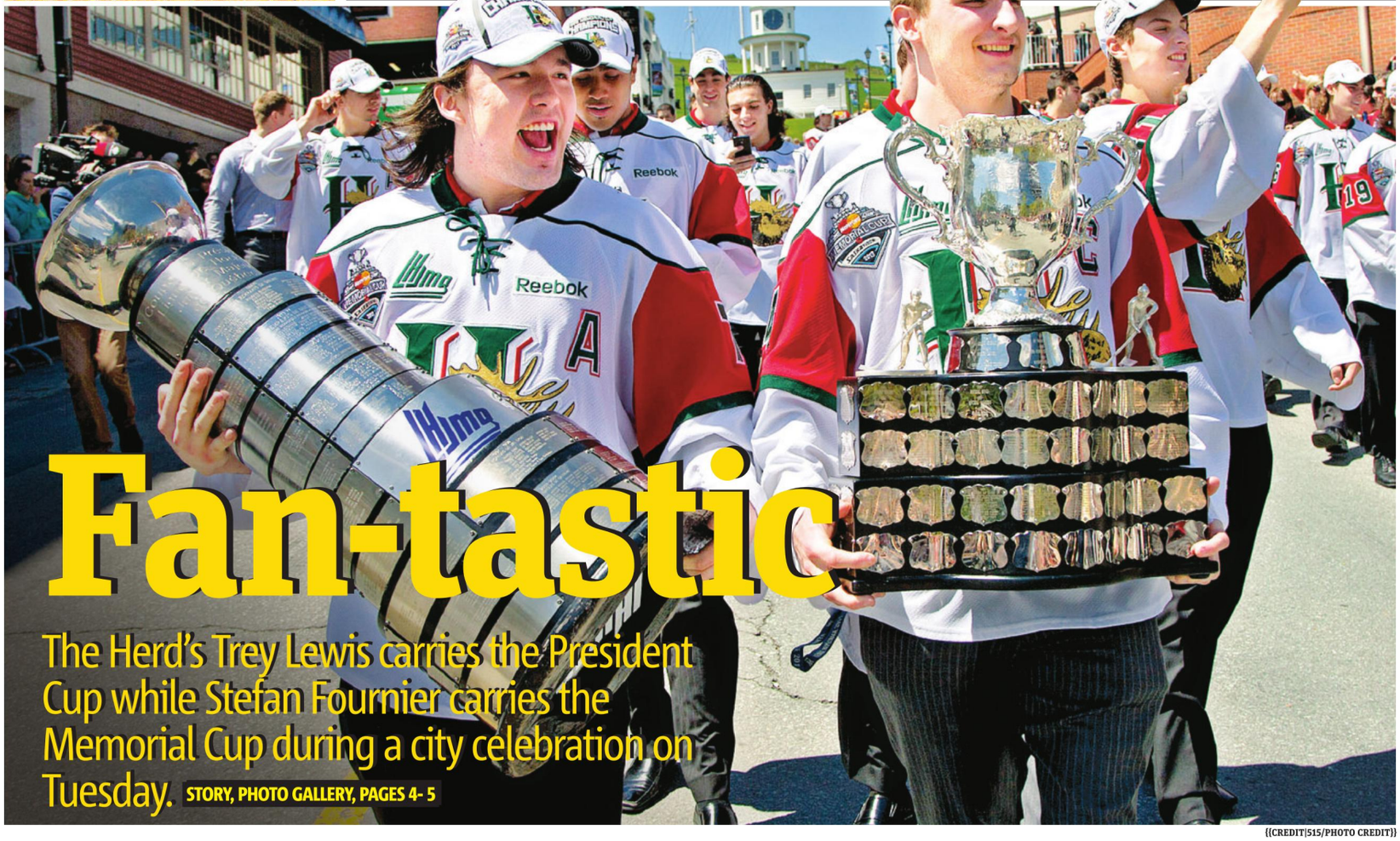
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Fan-tastic

The Herd's Trey Lewis carries the President Cup while Stefan Fournier carries the Memorial Cup during a city celebration on Tuesday. STORY, PHOTO GALLERY, PAGES 4- 5

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City approves bright idea

LED lights. Council gives thumbs-up to conversion of HRM streetlights


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Replacing HRM's current streetlights with energy-efficient bulbs is a bright idea that's long overdue, councillors said on Tuesday.

During their weekly meeting, regional council approved a motion to buy all Nova Scotia Power lights serving the municipality and convert them to LED.

"It's been a long time coming," said Coun. Bill Karsten of the audit and finance committee who put forward the motion.

"This is strategically a good day for HRM ... to work toward one day owning all of the assets within HRM to do with street lighting."

There are about 40,500 streetlights in total, with Nova Scotia Power controlling 28,500 and HRM 12,000.

The capital cost proposed for the 2013-14 budget for conversion is estimated at $8.1 million, but maintenance costs are expected to fall 50 to 90 per cent with the LED.

Coun. Waye Mason said he supports the new system from an environmental perspective, but downtown business owners and astronomers have complained about the harsher LEDs.

"From a shopping point of view, the white-blue is scary, it kind of makes people feel on edge," Mason said.

"It is weird, the light is different from the sodium lights, and it creates a weird kind of Blade Runner-esque vibe."

Mason said he will be asking staff to ensure warmer-coloured, slightly more expensive LED lights are included in the inventory for commercial areas.

According to the report from the environment and sustainability committee, the province declared streetlights energy inefficient in the summer of 2011 and declared that all municipalities must convert by Dec. 31, 2012.

Quoted

"It's been a long time coming but it's strategically important for the future."
Coun. Bill Karsten



A street light in north-end Halifax. A regional council approved a motion to buy all Nova Scotia Power lights serving the municipality and convert them to LED. JEFF HARPER/METRO

New height restrictions for Barrington South properties

A local developer said he is happy Halifax regional council "finally" raised height restrictions to his South Street property, although others are worried the move could affect heritage district plans.

At a public hearing Tuesday night, council approved raising the height restrictions of certain buildings surrounding Cornwallis Park to 22 metres, from a current 10 or 13 metre height.

"I'm glad that we finally got our approval," said Tony Metlej, executive director of Galaxy Properties Ltd.

Seven people spoke against the amendments, urging council to wait to raise heights until after Barrington South is declared a heritage conservation district.

"Other property owners are going to say 'why should I go through a heritage conservation district process, I'll just bypass it,'" said Phil Pacey, chair of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia.

Pacey and other speakers were concerned 22 metre (seven story) structures would overwhelm the shorter buildings in the area, cast long shadows on the park or fall outside heritage district regulations when they're in place.

Area Coun. Waye Mason said heritage plans won't be jeopardized because there's no time for anyone to build in front of the Westin or VIA Rail station, which concerned Pacey.

"It's really unlikely there'll be anymore spot zoning for where the heritage district comes in, it took us two and half years to get to this point today," Mason said. "It's just not going to happen."

HALEY RYAN/METRO

Similar to Hydrostone

- Tony Metlej, who owns the 5161 to 5175 South Street lots, including the Grand Taj Restaurant, said the development will echo the Hydrostone with shops and restaurants along the street with apartments up above.



THE BOYS ARE BACK



The Mooseheads party takes over Grand Parade as thousands come out under smiling skies for a celebration of the Herd's first Q-League and CHL titles

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1 I spy with my eye. The crowd at Grand Parade is reflected in the President Cup.

The Halifax Mooseheads expected a big crowd — but even they were caught off guard by the swarming mass of fans gathered to greet them at the Grand Parade on Tuesday.

"It's hard to imagine how big it's going to be. We knew it was going to be a lot of people, but to see the crowd today ... it's amazing," said head coach Dominique Ducharme.

The Herd, fresh off a thrilling 6-4 victory over the Portland Winterhawks in the Memorial Cup final, paraded the trophy along with the President Cup down Carmichael Street for thousands of thrilled fans to see.

Construction workers on Barrington Street paused to watch from the scaffolding when co-captain Stefan Fournier stepped out of the Metro Centre to cheers, holding the Canadian Hockey League's most coveted piece of hardware.

The Herd, wearing their white and red jerseys, filtered into the Grand Parade, shaking hands and high-fiving fans.

After a brief Q&A centre stage in the Parade, and a spirited rendition of Happy Birthday to goalie Zach Fucale, the team spent three hours on Argyle Street signing autographs for fans waiting patiently in the sun. More than 1,000 people lined up for the chance to meet the team.

Laura Baker of Halifax waited in line for more than two hours to meet Fucale, her favourite player.

"It's almost like being at a game again because you get all wound up and excited," said Baker, wearing a red Herd shirt and carrying a sign reading "Fucale is a Star."

She said watching the Mooseheads win the President Cup on home ice was one of the top moments of her life.

"Second only to my wedding," she laughed. "And I have to say that."

Percy Gouchie of Eastern Passage, sporting a Nathan MacKinnon jersey, used his lunch break to catch a glimpse of the Moose. He waited an hour for MacKinnon to sign his jersey.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Gouchie. "They did an awesome job and Halifax has been waiting a long time for this."

Quoted

"Kids want to go, adults want to go. It doesn't matter how old you are — if you're a fan, you're a fan."

Fan Denise Russell on Moose mania

IN TOWN



2 Victory march.

Trey Lewis, left, carries the President Cup while walking with his teammate Stefan Fournier, who is carrying the Memorial Cup at Grand Parade.







3 At the mic.

Head coach Dominique Ducharme speaks to the huge crowd.

4 Say cheese.

A fan snaps a photo of the Mooseheads during the autograph signing.





5 And the crowd goes wild.

Fans scream as the Mooseheads take the stage.

6 Men of the hour.

A Mountie watches the Mooseheads sign autographs.

7 Up close and personal.

A young Mooseheads fan checks out the President and Memorial Cups.





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Consumer advocate clashes with Emera in Muskrat Falls hearing

Hydro. No guarantee deal will be cheapest long-term energy source: John Merrick

Nova Scotia's consumer advocate and utility company Emera clashed Tuesday on the merits of the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project as a regulatory hearing got underway that could determine the province's energy costs for decades.

The $1.5-billion subsea connection that would send Muskrat Falls electricity to Cape Breton would be Nova Scotia's most affordable source of energy, said Nancy Tower, CEO of Emera Newfoundland and Labrador Holdings.

"We have a solution, and ... also an opportunity," she told the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, which is examining whether the underwater link is the cheapest way to get electricity.

"An opportunity to fundamentally change our electricity market for decades to come and to provide more stable-priced energy for Nova Scotia customers."

But John Merrick, the province's consumer advocate, said while the project is a great opportunity for Emera to earn a profit, it may not provide an ample supply of market-priced electricity to Nova Scotia customers.

"To say to us that we should take power for 35 years at a very expensive rate and not get any kind of assurance for cheaper power is a very bad decision for ratepayers," Merrick said.

Under a deal with Nalcor Energy, Newfoundland and Labrador's Crown-owned utility, Emera, would get access to 20 per cent of the power produced at Muskrat Falls. In return, Emera would build a 180-kilometre subsea cable known as the Maritime Link, to transmit power from Cape Ray in southwestern Newfoundland to Lingan, N.S.

Merrick said that guaranteed block of power is expensive because it is based on recovering the cost of building the link.

Both the Liberal and Progressive Conservative opposition parties also argued the proposal should be rejected due to uncertainties over the future availability of Muskrat Falls electricity at market rates.

Merrick said if the board dismisses the project, it doesn't necessarily mean the development will die, as it may still be worthwhile for Nalcor to build the link. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The best option?

2017

Muskrat Falls is expected to begin generating power in 2017.

Power play

"We have a solution, and ... also an opportunity."

Emera Newfoundland and Labrador Holdings CEO Nancy Tower



Christopher Huskilson, president and CEO of Emera Inc., talks with reporters at the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board hearing in Halifax on Tuesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Rick Short with his winning cheque. CONTRIBUTED

Nova Scotian takes lump lotto sum

A Nova Scotia man is more than $600,000 richer thanks to a lucky scratch ticket.

Atlantic Lottery Corporation announced Tuesday that Richard Short of Amherst has won the grand prize of a Set For Life ticket.

"I looked at it and thought — that can't be right. I got up and walked away from it. Came back and looked at it again. I didn't believe what I was seeing," Short said in a release.

He decided to then hit up his parents house to get a second opinion.

"My mother couldn't believe it. My father was excited," he says.

Short is taking home the lump-sum prize of $675,000, opting for that over getting weekly payments of $1,000 for the next 25 years.

The release says Short plans to travel with his winnings and help his two kids out with school in the fall. The rest he plans to invest.

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Set for Life

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Enterprise Cape Breton. CEO under investigation

The CEO of Enterprise Cape Breton Corp. is the subject of an investigation by the federal ethics commissioner, the Cape Breton Post has learned.

Jocelyne Brisebois, a spokeswoman for the office of conflict of interest and ethics commissioner Mary Dawson, confirmed Tuesday that it is currently conducting an investigation in relation to John Lynn. She wouldn't provide any further details, citing confidentiality.

Lynn said the process is confidential and he couldn't disclose details. He did confirm that he was contacted by the ethics commissioner's office and was asked to provide information, which he has done.

"I am co-operating with them," Lynn said. "The process, and I am obligated to this, the process is confidential, it's private and I can tell you that I am absolutely comfortable with my conduct."

He said he doesn't know how long the investigation will take.

The commissioner is responsible for helping members of Parliament and public office holders prevent and avoid conflicts of interest between their public duties and their private interests. Dawson administers the conflict of interest code for MPs and the conflict of interest act.

According to the commission's website, Lynn, 62, is a beneficiary of the Lynn Family Trust, which is the sole owner of Lynn Family Holdings Ltd., a company that owns a portfolio of publicly traded securities that are managed under a blind trust. He also owns a real estate investment company, Melrose Realty Ltd.

Lynn was named CEO of ECBC in 2008. He had previously been a long-serving executive with Sobeys Inc. and was president and CEO of the Central Group of Companies.

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The beginning

1987

ECBC was created in 1987 as a development agency for Cape Breton.

Sydney. Body found in water, no foul play: Police

Police do not suspect foul play in the death of a man whose body was discovered floating at the edge of Sydney harbour Tuesday morning.

Cape Breton Regional Police spokeswoman Desiree Vassallo said the body has been sent to Halifax where an autopsy will be performed Wednesday.

"We will need to wait on the autopsy results to confirm the exact cause of death so it does remain under investigation until that time," she said.

The crew of the cruise ship Maasdam noticed a body floating in the water as the ship was docking at the Sydney Marine Terminal just before 10 a.m. Staff at the Joan Harriss Cruise Pavilion was informed of the situation and reported it to police.

The regional police's major crime unit was called in to investigate.

Vassallo said identifying the man wasn't an issue.

"They've identified who it is but it's just a matter of notifying family." CAPE BRETON POST



Cape Breton police look over the scene where a body was discovered along the shoreline Tuesday morning. CAPE BRETON POST

Purse snatchers thwarted

Septuagenarians fight off robbers

Halifax police have three men in custody after someone tried to rob three seniors in a Dartmouth McDonald's.

Two women, both 71 years old, were sitting with a 72-year-old man at the restaurant on Nantucket Avenue around 10:30 a.m. Tuesday when three younger men walked in.

According to a release from Halifax Regional Police, one sat down in a booth near the three seniors and then tried to grab one of the women's purses and run.

The woman held onto her purse and the older man got up to intervene. The suspect shoved him to the ground and the trio of young men ran away on foot.

The older man suffered a cut to his head when he was shoved and was treated by paramedics on scene. The suspects didn't get away with the purse.

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Marie Demers-Kennedy

RCMP still looking for missing woman

RCMP major crime investigators searching a property about three kilometres away from the home of Michelle Marie Demers-Kennedy were wrapping up their search in that area Tuesday, according to RCMP spokesman Sgt. Alain LeBlanc.

The Framboise, Richmond Co., woman, who hasn't been seen since May 2, was reported missing to police on Mother's Day.

LeBlanc said no new clues have turned up in the police investigation.

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Michelle Demers-Kennedy

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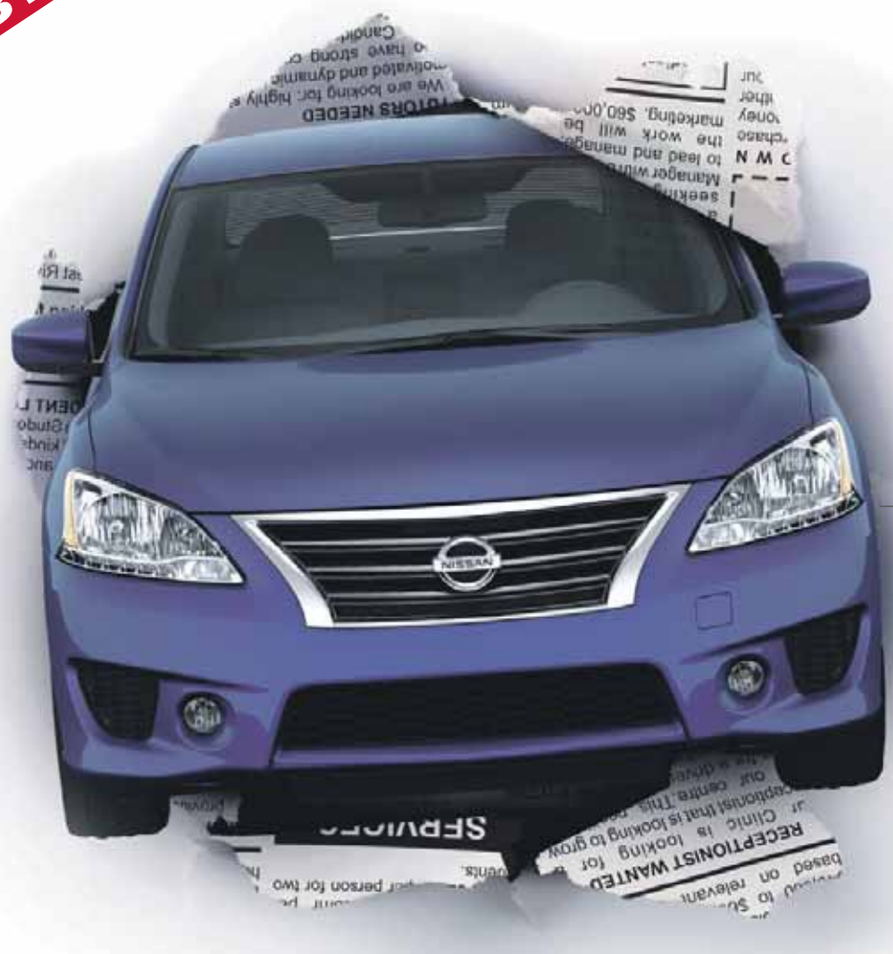


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Senate sending Duffy's claims to RCMP for review

Expense scandal. In 2011 and 2012, Sen. Mike Duffy asked for Ottawa-based living expenses for 49 days when he wasn't there

Senate officials confirmed they have found a troubling pattern of Sen. Mike Duffy improperly claiming living expenses, including several days in 2011 when he was campaigning across the country for the Conservatives.

Senators meeting at a committee late Tuesday voted to send the matter of Duffy's expenses to the RCMP, after hearing the new information.

Senate finance officials detailed how Duffy made claims for living expenses for his Ottawa home, while he was elsewhere in the country.

Duffy did not attend the committee meeting.

The Canadian Press first reported two weeks ago that Duffy had said he was on Senate business while campaigning with Conservative candidates. Shortly afterward, Duffy resigned from the Tory caucus.



Prime Minister Stephen Harper answers a question in the House on Tuesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

But it wasn't until the latest report was tabled Tuesday night that an account was given on the days Duffy was claiming expenses.

During the 2011 election, Duffy asked for Ottawa-based living expenses on seven separate days when he was out of town. In total, in 2011 and 2012, Duffy made claims on 49 days he was not in Ottawa.

"It represents a pattern that raises concerns," the report says.

An independent audit by the firm Deloitte had raised the possibility that Duffy had been claiming expenses while not in Ottawa, but underlined that the senator had not provided them with adequate documentation and never met with auditors.

But the Conservatives in the Senate declared the matter closed shortly after receiving the audit, pointing to the fact that Duffy had repaid the $90,000 in living expenses.

The matter blew open again, however, when it was revealed that the $90,000 bill was actually paid with the help of the prime minister's then chief of staff Nigel Wright.

That payment took up most of question period Tuesday.

The House of Commons took on the aura of an inquisition as Stephen Harper was grilled for the first time about the role his office played.

Eschewing the histrionics and partisan broadsides that normally dominate question period, opposition leaders posed short, sharp, relentless queries about when the prime minister learned about Wright's payment.

The onslaught elicited no new information as Harper stuck resolutely to his story that Wright acted on his own, without informing the prime minister. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Elections Canada chief

Witnesses not co-operating in robocalls probe

Canada's chief electoral officer is confirming for the first time that Conservative party workers have failed to co-operate with his investigation of fraudulent robocalls.

Marc Mayrand appeared before a House of Commons committee Tuesday where he asked MPs once again for legal changes that would give the elections watchdog greater power to compel testimony from witnesses.

Elections Canada has been recommending greater investigative powers since 2010, without government movement.

"Good rules are of little use if they cannot be enforced." Mayrand said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quiet release. Canadian in Saudi prison freed after nearly 6 years

A Canadian who was once condemned to death by beheading has been quietly released from a Saudi prison after almost six years behind bars.

Documents obtained by The Canadian Press indicate that Mohamed Kohail was freed last December. The country's highest court had overturned the death penalty for Mohamed Kohail in 2010.

Documents from the Department of Foreign Affairs, obtained through the Access to Information Act, are significantly redacted and they do not indicate the circumstances under which Kohail was released.

"It would have been up to the family to make some kind of an announcement," said Foreign Affairs spokeswoman Chrystiane Roy. "My understanding was he was released and that's (all) I have."



Mohamed Kohail THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kohail's story drew international attention in 2007. The ex-Montrealer and a Jordanian friend were both ordered beheaded, by sword, for their alleged involvement in the killing of a 19-year-old in a brawl that started with an insult to a girl by Kohail's brother, Sultan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No end in sight



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Police involvement

New twists in Toronto mayor crack scandal

The controversy around an alleged video appearing to show the mayor of Toronto smoking crack cocaine showed no signs of diminishing Tuesday as the leader of Canada's largest city sidestepped questions about a new twist in the scandal.

The Toronto Star reported a police investigation was triggered after two of the mayor's closest staffers discussed how to handle a tip about the possible location of the alleged video. Their discussion reportedly came one day after reports of the video first surfaced on May 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Worst. Birthday. Ever?

A handful of residents in party hats and streamers tried to crash a meeting of the mayor's executive committee to deliver a birthday cake — one frosted with an unusual message.

- Written in red and blue frosting were the words "Happy Birthday Rob, Please Resign."



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It's a must-see



"I think if we could just get the video then we could analyze the video, and see if it's doctored or if its real."

Among those eager to see the video is Toronto's deputy mayor Doug Holyday, who believes a clip of some sort exists.

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KARL-JOHAN PERSSON

The CEO of fashion retailer H&M speaks to Metro about pricey brands and Bangladeshi factory workers

THE BUSINESS OF CHEAP CHIC



ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News in Stockholm

Life is going swimmingly for Karl-Johan Persson, H&M's young, handsome CEO — despite the global recession, the cheap-chic chain is doing well. But the recent collapse of a garment factory building in Bangladesh has put H&M in the spotlight, even though the retailer didn't use the factories. Persson talks with Metro in an exclusive interview at H&M's headquarters in Stockholm.

Has the recession harmed H&M or has it instead benefitted you because people have turned to cheaper clothes?
When the whole apparel market diminishes it affects H&M as well, but at the same time I think more people discover H&M in times like these because they start questioning their clothing purchases. People want a good look with a good quality for a low price, and that's what H&M offers.

Last month a clothing factory collapsed and killed over 1,000 workers. Now H&M, the biggest manufacturer of clothes in Bangladesh, has signed an agreement where you agree to help your Bangladeshi suppliers pay for safety measures. Are the factories safe now?
The factory collapse was horrific, but our code of conduct bans use of factories in residential areas, so this was not an H&M supplier. But we've been working to improve conditions in Bangladesh for a long time. The major change with the agreement is that we join up with other buyers, with trade unions and with the government.

Quoted

"If you spot our top for $15 and one elsewhere for $150, people will think, 'These workers are much better paid.' But their pay is the same."
Karl-Johan Persson, CEO of retailer H&M

But isn't the problem that people want cheap clothes?
Then it never makes sense for a company to use better factories.
Yes, but it's a common misperception that cheap brands use certain manufacturers and expensive brands use others. We're one of 30 to 40 companies buying from many of our suppliers. The workers' pay is the same regardless of which company is buying. What's interesting is not the price of the clothing item but what the company does. Don't look at the prices. Maybe I sound cocky, but I dare promise that no apparel company in the whole world does as much as H&M.

What does that look like for factory workers?
We've signed the new plan for building and fire safety in Bangladesh. And we demand that workers are paid the wages they should have. We're also involved in a social dialogue and educate workers about their rights. And we try to influence decision-makers. Recently I spoke with the Bangladeshi prime minister (Sheikh Hasina) about increasing the minimum wage.

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Domestic flights

Air Canada told to increase payouts for bumping

Air Canada has been ordered to boost the compensation paid to passengers it bumps from overbooked domestic flights.

The Canadian Transportation Agency ruled the existing practice of paying $100 cash or a $200 travel voucher is unreasonable in cases that are not due to operational and safety reasons. It has given the airline 30 days to submit new compensation guidelines.
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Market Minute

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TSX 12,750.52 (+54.14)

OIL $95.01 US (+86¢)

GOLD $1,378.90 US (-$7.70)

Natural gas: $4.22 (-2¢)
Dow Jones: 15,409.39 (+106.29)

Antitrust case. EU official says Google will have to make further concessions to settle complaint

The European Union's antitrust chief said Tuesday that Google will have to offer more changes to the way it displays search results to settle a pending case.

The period to examine Google's proposals has been extended by one month and his office will ask Google with "almost 100 per cent" certainty in June to do yet more, Joaquin Almunia told the European Parliament.

Google's search engine enjoys a near-monopoly in Europe with a market share of above 90 per cent.

The EU Commission, the 27-nation bloc's antitrust authority, has been investigating since 2010 whether Google is abusing its dominant market position. It pointed out areas of concern that Google is now trying to address through the proposed concessions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hell freezes over. Advertising coming to 2 CBC radio networks

The CBC has been given permission by the federal broadcast regulator to introduce advertising on some of its radio networks, breaking a four-decade tradition of commercial-free service.

The change, contained in a licence renewal decision, will only apply to the public broadcaster's secondary radio networks, the all-music Radio 2 and its French-language equivalent, Espace Musique. Advertising will also be limited to four minutes every hour.

Friends of Canadian Broadcasting called the decision a "serious blow" to public broadcasting and warned that it will pave the way for advertising on the main radio networks, Radio One and Radio-Canada.

"What it really means is the CRTC and the CBC have conspired to end almost 40 years of almost proudly non-commercial public radio in Canada," said group spokesman Ian Morrison. In its release, the CRTC said it had not complied with CBC's request for unlimited advertising on the networks.
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JUST SAYIN'

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If reading about Rob Ford has got you down, welcome to the Island of Sunny Sentiments, where the only thing we're thinking about today is where to go on our summer vacation.

In this, we're not alone. Across Canada, 5.2 million school kids are gazing out the window wondering the same thing.

Good idea, you're thinking. Anything beats another chapter of Ford Follies. Just one problem: too many choices. Once again, you've come to the right place. I'm an expert on Canadian getaways, having got to all of them except Newfoundland, which is always a bit out of reach.

To get you started, here are my top five Canadian summer-vacation choices (in no particular order). Feel free to chime in any time with your own. And don't forget to bring the beer.

Moraine Lake: Just 12.5 kilometres up (or is that down?) the road from its more famous sister Lake Louise in the Alberta Rockies, Moraine is a jaw-dropping postcard-perfect lake surrounded by 10 majestic, snow-capped peaks. It is so jaw-dropping, it was once featured on the back of the $20 bill, back when cash was cash and not plastic scented with a whiff of maple syrup.

Louisbourg: Parks Canada lists 167 National Historic Sites on its website. I haven't been to all 167, but the coolest I have been to is Louisbourg, the French fort on Cape Breton Island. The road to the fort is often shrouded in fog, so it's like travelling into the Twilight Zone to emerge 300 years in the past. In fact, this is Louisbourg's 300th birthday. Everything including the dinner menu is an authentic replica of the days before bilingualism when New France was more than a plank in Pauline Marois' platform. Actors recreate daily life in the fort and you're so swept away you forget to check your smartphone.

The Beach: Every province has one or more than one legendary strip of sand: Wasaga, Cavendish, Grand, Rathtrevor, Balmy, Winnipeg, Regina and, the mother of all beaches, Long Beach in Tofino and Ucluelet. Really long: 25 kilometres from one end of Radar to the other end of Wickaninnish. It's hard to single out a favourite, but I'm determined to spend the rest of my days trying.

Niagara-on-the-Lake: The classic tourist trap, but so what? It's a miracle this bucolic place still exists, so close to ... you know. Everyone here conspires to lighten your wallet, but unlike the Canada Revenue Agency and the cable company, they make you happy to oblige. Goes with other places that feature fudge: Niagara Falls, Granville Island, Banff, Lunenburg, etc.

The cottage: I grew up in one. My job was to haul water from a nearby artesian well and gather kindling for the fireplace. Now "the cottage" often sports a three-car garage and an indoor pool. But it's essentially the same idea. Go someplace simple and stay there until you feel better. And don't forget to bring the bacon.

ZOOM

Rolling on the floor owling



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Friendship found in a dirty mop

This owl bears an uncanny resemblance to his new playmate, a mop, and thinks it's his sibling.

Lightning, a Siberian Eagle owl, got engrossed in the tool after spotting staff at the Screech Owl Sanctuary in Cornwall, southwest England, using it. The three-month-old chick was born in captivity as part of a breeding program. Lightning's attraction may be comical, but it's important for the bird's development, according to his owner.

"Young owls, like children, need this sort of playful enrichment when they are growing up and exploring the world," says Screech Owl Sanctuary head Carolyn Screech. "Everything is a big adventure, even this damp bundle of cleaning fabric."

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Sanctuary staff floored

"The owl digs his talons into the mop, jumps on it and rides it while we clean the floors."

Carolyn Screech,
head of the Screech Owl Sanctuary

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A few days ago I mentioned Sid Meier's Ace Patrol in this space and I've since gotten a number of emails from people who have fallen hard for the dogfighting sim. So for those readers and others who enjoy the game, here are some other excellent turn-based strategy games for mobile.

Great Big War Game

If there's a must-have here, this is it. The gameplay is smooth, tactically tight and served up with a nice side of humour. The single-player campaign should give you about 40 hours' worth of conquering, but the truest joy can be found in the online multiplayer. ($2.99/iOS and Android)

Crimson: Steam Pirates

Halo developer Bungie has a pretty solid track record, and their swashbuckling steampunk plunder-fest only adds to it. Start with a small band of salty sea dogs and upgrade your way to a fleet of zeppelins and submarines. (Free/iPad)

Neuroshima Hex

A seamless version of a board game everybody should love, take a few spins learning the ropes of how to manage your hex-based armies and link their attacks before trying your hand at the inexhaustible supply of skilled players online. ($4.99 iOS/$3.18 Android)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Canada was named one of the best places to live. Why do you think it deserves a top spot?

@AjokeDare: minus the cold weather, Canada is a safe place filled with nice ppl from all over the world.

@TimWadephul: friendly, caring, passionate people are what makes Canada great

@antinephalist: Because most of it isn't run by Rob Ford yet.

@SamanthaHalyk: Canada because we have great health care, a diverse landscape from coast to coast and poutine #yum haha

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The Robin Hood mentality is often a thief sleight of hand

Now You See Me. The latest altruistic bank heist film is breaking into theatres this weekend, but it's not the first movie to have been there



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Now You See Me starts giving back to audiences this weekend. HANDOUT

In just 12 minutes The Great Train Robbery tells the tale of a group of bandits who hold up a train and rob the passengers.

Made by Edwin Porter in 1903 it's been placed on the United States National Film Registry for its innovative use of composite editing, camera movement and on-location shooting.

It was one of the first narrative movies and it introduced moviegoers to the heist movie, a tradition that continues to this day.

This weekend Now You See Me presents an elaborate crime story of a team of magicians — led by Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson and Isla Fisher — who abracadabra their way into bank vaults.

They are Robin Hood-style crooks, stealing money and giving it back to their audiences.

The "steal from the rich to give to the poor" is a common theme in heist movies. Recently Tower Heist saw a rag tag group clean out a Bernie Madoff type in order to refund money to the people he swindled.

The Maiden Heist stars Christopher Walken as a museum security guard infatuated with the painting that gives the movie its name.

When it is announced that the artwork has been sold to a Danish gallery he's distraught — "Do you know how far away Copenhagen is?"— and ropes Morgan Freeman and William H. Macy into stealing the painting and two others so they can enjoy them together. Not exactly Robin Hood — they're stealing from the rich to give to themselves — but their motives are artistically pure.

Not so pure are the reasons behind the heist in The Good, the Bad, the Weird — an Asian take on the similarly named Sergio Leone spaghetti western.

It's a chaotic two-hour chase for a treasure map — and then the treasure — in 1930s wartime Manchuria between a bounty hunter (the Good, played by Jung Woo-sung), a leader of evil bandits (the Bad, Lee Byung-hun) and a train robber (the Weird, Song Kang-ho).

Director Ji-woon Kim calls this a "kimchee western," after the national dish of Korea because the plot and film, like the people of Korea, he says, are spicy and vibrant.

The Good, the Bad, the Weird has a few laughs but A Fish Called Wanda's story of armed robbery is a full-on comedy crime caper.

It has a 96 per cent rating on Rotten Tomatoes and was named one of the greatest British films of all time by Total Film.

Heist ethics

They are Robin Hood-style crooks, stealing money and giving it back to their audiences. The "steal from the rich to give to the poor" is a common theme in heist movies.

Rogen. Crowdfunding campaign a Superbad idea, former Freak says

Now that Netflix has brought back the cult favourite Arrested Development, Seth Rogen is waiting for word of a potential Freaks and Geeks reboot.

The Vancouver-bred movie star notes his short-lived 1999 NBC comedy has found new life on the online streaming service, where it has amassed even more fans — just as Arrested Development did before Netflix announced it would back fresh episodes about the dysfunctional Bluth clan.

Rogen says he'd be open to a limited run of some kind of Freaks and Geeks reunion if the original cast, writers, directors and producers could be assembled, too.

"If they were able to do that I would be very open to doing more Freaks and Geeks," Rogen said Monday before attending a special screening of his big screen comedy This is the End in Toronto.

"I bet a lot of the people would do it."

But the Knocked Up star put the kibosh on any sort of crowdfunded effort, such as the online fundraising campaigns that are fuelling a Veronica Mars movie and actor Zach Braff's sophomore directing project, Wish I Was Here.

"It seems weird to be taking money from fans to create something, I don't like that concept as much," Rogen said later during a question and answer session with fans following his movie, which he co-wrote and co-directed with fellow Superbad and Pineapple Express scribe Evan Goldberg.

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Seth Rogen was the mind behind the cult hit Superbad. GETTY IMAGES

The Word

Did Katy Perry nudge Pattinson away from Stewart?



It looks like Katy Perry might have been behind Robert Pattinson's decision to call it quits with Kristen Stewart, according to Life & Style.

Perry, a pal of Pattinson's, reportedly told the Twilight star that he deserved better than Stewart after her affair with director Rupert Sanders came to light last summer.

"Katy never really supported Rob's decision to get back with Kristen. She always said they wouldn't last," a source says. "Katy told Rob she didn't think their relationship could withstand the cheating scandal. And he deserved better than someone who would destroy a family (like Rupert's.)"

Since his breakup, Pattinson has been spotted out and about with Perry in New York and in Santa Barbara, where the pair hung out at a hotel and spied on a wedding rehearsal, according to People magazine.

"They just sat together and watched," a source says. "They were not affiliated with the wedding party and were not seen mingling with guests."

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Amanda Bynes

Amanda Bynes' must-read Twitter account

Apparently Amanda Bynes has even more to say about her arrest last week for drug possession and reckless endangerment.

"I'm so offended by all of this but so proud to not be a drug or alcohol user. I'm suing NYPD for illegally entering my apartment, lying about drugs on me and lying about me tampering with non existent drug paraphernalia," she posted to Twitter over Memorial Day weekend. "Then I'm suing for being put into a mental hospital against my will, then locked up overnight for coming home after a facial and working out with my trainer like the good girl that I am." Bynes is also looking to the future, with a possible new career in the works: "I'm getting in shape and getting a nose job," she posted. "I'm looking forward to a long and wonderful career as a singer/rapper."

Twitter

@mindykaling
I think I was the only person who ate food at the bbq I was at today - and I'm fine with that - I just want everyone to know that I know.

@MARLONWAYANS
Haven't slept in weeks.. . Wtf???

@JonahHill
Willy Wonka's a dark movie.One kid drowns,one blows up and pops,one gets sucked into machinery and one gets turned into tiny particles!

@Courtney
@AmandaBynes pull it together dude.



Kanye West

Kanye loses battle of the Alamo

Kanye West's bid to project his video for New Slaves on the Alamo in Texas turned out to be a losing battle when it became clear he had no permit for the spontaneous event, according to MySanAntonio.com. West announced his intentions to use the landmark on his website, prompting around 500 people — both fans and protesters — to turn up. But police got there first. "It's sad that people have such little respect for the Alamo," said a spokesman for the Texas General Land Office.



Justin Bieber ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Bieber's driving disturbing neighbours

Justin Bieber is getting on his neighbours' nerves once again, and this time it's because he won't slow down near his home. The Canadian pop star was visited by the L.A. County Sheriff's Department in response to complaints about his reckless driving on the streets around his home, according to E! News. Police reportedly received numerous calls about the singer's driving on Monday alone, with many complaining that his speeding endangers the lives of neighborhood children playing outside.







The Jersey Shore isn't going to let a superstorm get in the way of its summer fun. A good portion of the area is not only open and ready, but the folks there are pushing new ways for you to experience it — from big clubs to dog-friendly beach bars.

DOROTHY ROBINSON
Metro World News in New York



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A fist pump for the Jersey Shore



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HQ Beach Club/HQ Night Club at Revel

For those who like their summertime with a heavy dose of party, there's HQ Beach Club and HQ Nightclub, two new destinations at Atlantic City's newest casino, Revel. For night owls, the HQ Nightclub will host a revolving cast of high-profile DJs. And those who like their sunshine with a side of table service should try the HQ Beach Club, a luxe pool lounge with model servers offering bottle service for those relaxing on their daybeds or bungalows (reservations required).



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Pier Village's Le Club Avenue

The Jersey Shore gets exclusive with the Avenue's Beach Club, located in Long Branch. The members-only club is family-friendly during the day but transforms into a more adults-only spot at night with cocktails, a full menu and open-air lounges complete with a rooftop pool. Membership prices range from $3,000 to $5,500; weekend passes are also available when capacity permits. Call 732-759-2900 for more information.



FRANK SCOTT

Beach Shack/Rusty Nail gets pet friendly

Going to the beach doesn't mean that your favourite furry friend has to stay home. The Beach Shack, Cape May's laid-back beachfront motel, is allowing dogs to stay overnight as well as to dine (from a new doggie menu) at popular beach bar the Rusty Nail. Rates for the Paw's Up package start at $156 a night, which includes a $35 a night pet fee.

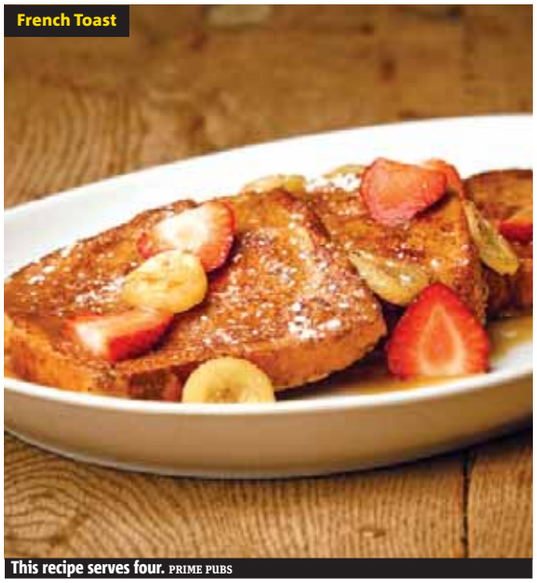


HANDOUT

Haven Nightclub

The Golden Nugget is making a big play in the nightlife market with the opening of its brand-new Haven Nightclub. The latest entry into the AC nightlife scene boasts a state-of-the-art DJ booth, LED video wall, dance floor, 25 banquettes offering signature table service and two full-service bars. Ke$ha and Pitbull were on hand for the grand opening earlier this month.

Make them 'ooh la la' with French Toast



This recipe serves four. PRIME PUBS

French toast is synonymous with breakfast or brunch and this warm weather version is a must try.

With its three golden slices of egg loaf topped with caramelized bananas and sliced strawberries finished with maple cream sauté, it's simply delicious.

1. To make French toast batter: Combine 1 cup of the cream, egg and spices in stainless steel bowl. Whisk thoroughly until smooth.

2. Dip each slice of egg bread for about 5 seconds in batter, then place immediately on lightly oiled griddle on medium heat.

3. Cook for approx. 2 minutes, then flip over and continue cooking until both sides are golden brown.

4. To make sauce: toss banana and brown sugar together in bowl. Add to small pan on medium heat with a small amount of butter. Cook until sugar begins to melt and bananas are a nice golden colour.

5. Reduce heat to low and add maple syrup. Keep the pan moving to ensure sugars don't burn.

6. Once syrup is bubbling, remove pan from heat and add remaining 1/2 cup of cream. Lightly stir until all ingredients come together. Keep warm.

7. Place 3 pieces of French toast on a plate and top with generous amount of sauce. Garnish with sliced strawberries and dust with icing sugar.

CHEF BRYAN JUREK OF PRIME PUBS' FAMILY OF PREMIUM PUBS, WHICH INCLUDES FIONN MACCOOL'S AND D'ARCY MCGEE'S.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (360 ml) 35% Cream
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cinnamon
- 1 tsp (5 ml) nutmeg
- 1 tsp (5 ml) allspice
- 12 egg bread slices
- 1 banana, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) brown sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) pure maple syrup
- 5 strawberries, thinly sliced
- Icing sugar, for dusting

Drink of the Week

Chocolate Almond Banana Smoothie

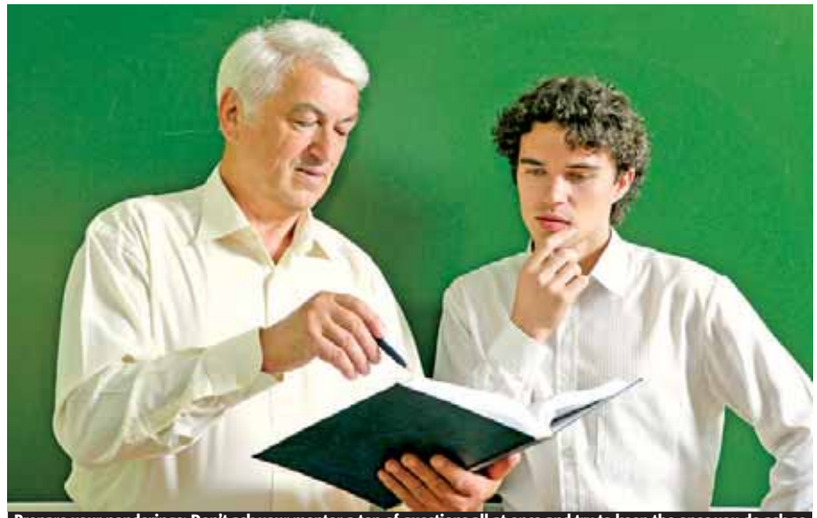
Give your morning or afternoon snack a bit of a kick-start with this cool and refreshing shake.

- 1 bottle (about 1/1/2 cups/ 350 ml) chocolate almond milk
- 1 medium banana, broken into pieces
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) ice cubes
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) almond butter
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) soy protein powder

Combine all ingredients in blender and puree until very smooth. Pour into 2 tall glasses and garnish with bananas if desired.

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Keeping your eyes on the wise



Prepare your ponderings: Don't ask your mentor a ton of questions all at once and try to keep the ones you do ask as succinct as possible. ISTOCK

A guide to being guided. To make a search for your mentor successful, you must look for who you could learn the most from

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Sometimes a boost can be just what you need to jump-start your career, and finding a mentor is one great way to do that.

The mentor-mentee relationship is a precious one. A mentor can coach you in your chosen field and open up a whole variety of new opportunities to you while you also keep your teacher abreast of more recent developments you've learned as a young person in your industry.

Won't you be my mentor?

Where to meet your match

- **Networking events:** Signing up for networking events at your school or in your area can be a really great way to meet potential mentors, but also a useful method of getting your foot in the door in your industry of interest.
- **School:** Universities or colleges often employ industry professionals to teach classes, and making use of these connections to the outside world can provide you with a mentor who understands both the culture of the classroom and the workplace.
- **Social media:** Do you have a blog or Twitter account that you love to follow? If someone is posting things that are both interesting and useful in your chosen field, then chances are they may have much more information that they'd be interested in sharing with you.

What to do once you've met a potential mentor

1. Ask for advice, not mentorship: How you start a mentor-mentee relationship? Ask your potential mentor for advice about something rather than making the overly-formal request of "Will you be my mentor?" With any luck, your relationship will blossom from there.

2. Stay in touch: Once you've met a potential mentor, hopefully you will have had the chance to get their contact details. Send them an email saying how great it was to meet them and recall an interesting part of your conversation to signal to them that you were listening and you were engaged in what they were saying.

3. Ask them questions, but don't bombard them: A good mentor wants to help you, but you shouldn't take advantage of their good nature. They are probably a very busy person and while they likely want to answer your questions, they may not have a whole lot of time to do so.

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NHL

Roy, Sakic look for Stanley Cup hat trick with Colorado

The Colorado Avalanche introduced Patrick Roy as their new coach Tuesday.



Patrick Roy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 47-year-old Roy joins forces with former teammate-turned-executive Joe Sakic to fix a squad that's missed the playoffs three straight seasons. Roy and Sakic helped the Avs to Stanley Cup titles in 1996 and 2001.

"Joe and I had an opportunity to be part of something in the past," Roy said. "I think we're going to be part of something special in the future."

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NBA playoffs

Pacers draw even with Heat

Roy Hibbert had 23 points and 12 rebounds, Lance Stephenson added 20 points, and the Indiana Pacers charged back late to beat the Miami Heat 99-92 on Tuesday night and tie the Eastern Conference Finals at 2-2.

LeBron James led the Heat with 24 points before fouling out with 56 seconds to go. Mario Chalmers had 20 points on a night the defending NBA champs failed to take command of the series.

The Pacers started fast and spent the rest of the night trying to fend off Miami's continual comebacks.

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5 Olympians highlight award nominations



Track star Geoff Harris of Halifax speaks to reporters following Tuesday's announcement at the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Ricoh Awards. Local Halifax Mooseheads star is also on the list

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Five Olympians, a World Cup snowboarding medalist and an up-and-coming hockey superstar headline the finalists for the 17th annual Ricoh Awards.

Olympians Mark de Jonge, Custio Clayton, Ellie Black, Jenna Martin and Geoff Harris join snowboarder Alex Duckworth and Halifax Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon in the running for the awards.

Sport Nova Scotia announced finalists for seven of 11 categories in the provincial sport awards Tuesday. The awards recognize Nova Scotia's best athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers for their best achievement of the past season and their overall performance throughout the year.

"The honour is just being nominated," said Harris, an Olympic runner and finalist for Male Individual Athlete of the Year.

"The two guys I'm nominated with are both extremely good athletes and extremely accomplished athletes," said Harris, who faces boxer Clayton and canoe-kayaker de Jonge for the award.

Harris, 26, said his coach and determination to prove naysayers wrong propelled him to return from an injury-riddled 2011-12 season. He set provincial records in the 1,000 metres and 800 metres while winning a national championship in Calgary to qualify for the London Olympics.

"I knew a lot of people had started counting me out a bit," said Harris. "I wanted to show that I was still that world-class athlete that I got designated as at a young age."

The awards ceremony takes place June 1 at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel.

Finalists announced Tuesday

- **Team.**
  17U girls provincial basketball team.
  Austin Denman and Connor Tara — Men's K2 200m (Canoe Kayak).
  Halifax County United U-14 girls soccer team.
- **Female individual.**
  Jenna Martin — Athletics.
  Ellie Black — Gymnastics.
  Alex Duckworth — Snowboarding.
- **Male individual.**
  Geoff Harris — Athletics.
  Custio Clayton — Boxing.
  Mark de Jonge — Canoe Kayak.
- **Female team.**
  Kirsti Mason — Ringette.
  Nkem Ezurike — Soccer.
  Abby Czenze — Volleyball.
- **Male team.**
  Austin Denman — Canoe Kayak.
  Brent MacDougall — Curling.
  Nathan MacKinnon — Hockey.
- **Coach.**
  Keiji Yamanaka — Gymnastics.
  Aaron Maszko — Swimming.
  Kathy Pyke — Taekwondo.
- **Official.**
  Marie Bowness — Figure skating.
  Ralph d'Eon — Snowboarding.
  Delano Lai Fatt — Table Tennis.



Cole Harbour's Nathan MacKinnon poses with the Stafford Smythe trophy for tournament MVP after the Mooseheads' 6-4 win over the Portland Winterhawks in the Memorial Cup final on Sunday in Saskatoon. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Back on top. Scouting service puts MacKinnon atop NHL draft rankings

Nathan MacKinnon is the top-rated NHL draft choice according to one hockey scouting service.

The International Scouting Service released its final draft rankings Tuesday and following a stellar performance at the Memorial Cup, the 17-year-old MacKinnon leapfrogged Portland Winterhawks defenceman Seth Jones to become the No. 1-rated prospect.

MacKinnon, who is from Cole Harbour, led the Halifax Mooseheads to their first-ever Memorial Cup, earning tournament MVP honours Sunday after posting seven goals and 13 points in just four games.

"I have personally been watching MacKinnon since he was a peewee, and while his skills have become top 1 per cent in the world, what has impressed me most has been his growing maturity — the bigger the moment, the more hungry he becomes," ISS director of scouting Dennis MacInnis said in a release.

Mooseheads forward Jonathan Drouin continues to hold down the No. 3 ranking, a position he also holds with NHL Central Scouting amongst North American skaters. Those final ranks were released last month.

That list has Jones at No. 1 and MacKinnon at No. 2.

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Soak up the 2014 Kia Sorento

Review. New Sorento will satisfy as its DNA has been upgraded

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The new 2014 Kia Sorento really depends on how you look at it, or more correctly, where you look at it.

Kia's current design renaissance encompasses the street-wise Soul and Sportage wagons as well as the Optima and Rio sedans. You can also place the current-generation Sorento that was launched for 2011 on that list. The lines are so right on the money in terms of contemporary style and carrying capacity that there was no point in monkeying around with the mid-sized wagon's looks.

Surprisingly, however, just about every other part of the Sorento's DNA has been altered, redesigned, or otherwise enhanced, kind of like when Peter Parker was bitten by the spider to become Spider-Man. Same kid on the outside, but better reflexes and more power. For 2014, Kia has mounted the Sorento on a platform that's identical to that of parent Hyundai's five-passenger Santa Fe Sport. Kia claims the new structure is stiffer than the 2013 version; attached to that is a stouter sub-frame that holds the powertrain more firmly.

There's also a new independent front suspension, while a more compact rear suspension aids interior space and restricts noise and vibrations from entering the cabin.

The Sorento's hydraulic power-steering system has been exchanged for a more efficient electric unit that features Comfort, Normal and Sport settings, depending on your desired level of steering firmness.

For 2014, Kia is holding firm to the same LX, EX and SX trim levels. At the top, the SX model does its best to coddle passengers with a wood-trimmed interior with ventilated soft leather-covered seats on the inside.

2014 Kia Sorento

- **Type.** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (191); 3.3-litre DOHC V6 (290)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $28,500

Design

For 2014, the Georgia-built Sorento receives a minor nose tweak, including the ubiquitous mesh-style grille, updated headlights and optional fog lights, plus new tail light lenses. Otherwise the silhouette remains basically the same.



Under the hood lies a 3.3 litre V6

Engine

Under the hood, the 191-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder with direct injection (fuel is sprayed under very high pressure directly into the combustion chambers instead of the intake manifold) carries on with its base-engine duties.

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There's been lots of talk recently about the high cost of vehicle insurance. A report by the Fraser Institute concluded that provinces with "government insurance monopolies" tend to have higher premiums than provinces with "private sector, competitive markets."

But Ontario has the highest premiums of them all — higher than provinces with so-called insurance monopolies. If the Ontario NDP gets its way, the Ontario Liberal Government will include some insurance cost reform in its soon-to-be-tabled Budget.

Through the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) the private insurers have just mounted a public campaign, to explain the Ontario discrepancy. Its argument, backed by the Fraser Report, is that most of the money is going to the wrong places — hidden legal fees, fraud, and excessive assessments by for-profit medical facilities.

One criminal outfit called "Project 92" was estimated to bill $25 million in fraudulent insurance claims. Its ringleader, now behind bars, staged fake accidents and had corrupt accomplices in every link of the repair and medical chain, who over-billed for everything.

When vehicles come together in noisy and expensive ways, it's not always the worst in people that shows up; sometimes it's the best. At least that's been my experience.

Over the years I've had three parked cars that have been hit by somebody when I wasn't around, and in every instance, they left a note, and eventually made proper restitution.

Mechanical chivalry

"When vehicles come together in noisy and expensive ways, it's not always the worst in people that shows up; sometimes it's the best."

The most memorable of these occasions was the latest one, involving the guy that delivers our morning paper in his old van. I guess on that fateful morning he jumped out of his van without first putting it into "park." It went down the street, driverless, first careening off our Mazda6, then settling into a Hyundai Sonata owned by my neighbour Tim.

When Tim and I went out in the morning, we both found notes on our cars, just listing a phone number to call about the damage. My left mirror was gone, and a fender was creased. Tim's car was a bit worse.

I eventually got hold of his teenage son, who explained that his father, being a recent immigrant, couldn't speak English too well. Both of them would come around on Saturday to make arrangements. I offered to call my insurance company. Maybe he just could pay the deductible? I was a bit worried that his body shop of choice might not do the job as properly as my body shop of choice.

He said I should not worry at all about getting my car fixed, or getting it fixed properly, because his father was a very honest man. I distinctly remember how he said all this. He said it slow and with no inflection, like he wasn't trying to sell me anything, just stating a fact.

The cars were fixed promptly and properly. I can't imagine how many days delivering newspapers it took to pay a body shop to fix both cars that way, but probably a few.



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Do you "hook" the wheel when you make a turn, reaching in and holding it with your palm facing you?

If so, it's a very bad habit that you need to change. Not only does it affect your driving, but it has the potential for serious injury.

"You should drive with two hands at either side, at 10-and-2 or 9-and-3," says Scott Marshall, director of training for Young Drivers of Canada.

"By hooking your hand inside the wheel, you're limiting your steering ability. If you use your right hand, you can steer to your left, but you can't steer to your right if a problem occurs.

"There's a higher possibility that you can't control the car, and you get in a crash."

Your steering wheel contains an airbag which, in a crash, deploys in milliseconds at some 300 km/h to prevent you from hitting the dash or windshield.

If you're hooking the wheel when this happens, the airbag will break your arm.

If you drive with one hand at the top of the wheel, it puts your arm across the airbag. If it deploys, it will smash your hand into your face.

"You'll be severely injured because of your own knuckle and any jewelry you're wearing," Marshall says.

If your hands are at the sides of the wheel, the airbag will force them sideways and away from your face.

You may bruise your knuckles on the door panel, but it's preferable to risking broken bones or facial injuries.

"Don't be in fear of the airbag," Marshall says. "You should sit at least 25 centimetres away from the wheel, because the force is strongest at the beginning of its deployment.

"Sit as far back as you can, but so your right foot can touch the floor behind the brake pedal, with a slight bend in your leg.

"When you have two hands on the wheel, you should have a slight bend in your arms.

"You can make adjustments with the back of the seat if you're shorter. You can sit closer, but recline the seat."

The right side of the dash also contains an airbag.

Passengers should sit as far back as possible.

They should also never put their feet on the dash, since a deploying airbag can cause severe leg injuries.

Rules

- **No items on lap.** Don't carry items on your lap. In a crash, hard or sharp items such as the corners of boxes can cause injury.
- **Pets should be buckled up.** A deploying airbag will kill a pet sitting on your lap. Pets should be in the back seat, buckled in with a travel harness or pet carrier.
- **Be aware of the airbag positions.** Most newer vehicles have at least six airbags. Know where they are, and sit safely around them.



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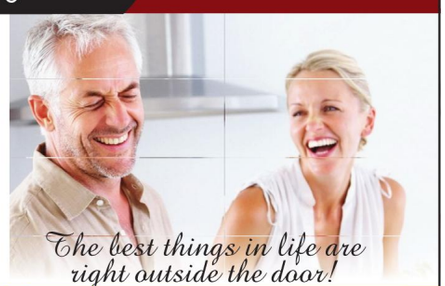
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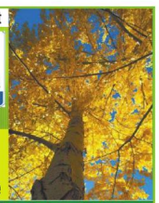
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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is no point in trying to avoid obligations. Fortunately, what you have to do over the next few days won't be as difficult as you fear. Once you start, you may enjoy it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You're avoiding a showdown with someone you love. It may be understandable but it's not very smart. The sooner you let each other know why you are so angry, the sooner the healing process can begin.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your luck is about to turn for the better and before you know it good things will be coming at you from all directions. Good people too. You will attract just the right person at just the right time.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Aim to be a bit more tactful when dealing with colleagues. In a matter of days you will have a clearer picture of what needs to be done to turn a loss into a gain but you don't have to be pushy about it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Make sure your long-term plans are practical. If you have not thought them through properly, they could fall short of expectations. Know your goals and have a Plan B ready.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You think too much and because of that, you worry too much as well. The message of the stars is that you should stop analyzing each and every detail. Go with the flow.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be yearning for things you are unlikely to get. But over the next two days a more realistic attitude will set in. Then, remarkably, you will find that what you desire suddenly comes easily to you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't get so caught up in the social whirl today that you fail to notice a career opportunity of some kind. In a matter of weeks, you could move several rungs up the ladder of success.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You don't have time to wallow in negativity — there are too many interesting things going on in the world. One special person needs help though. Spare them an hour of your time and get them smiling.

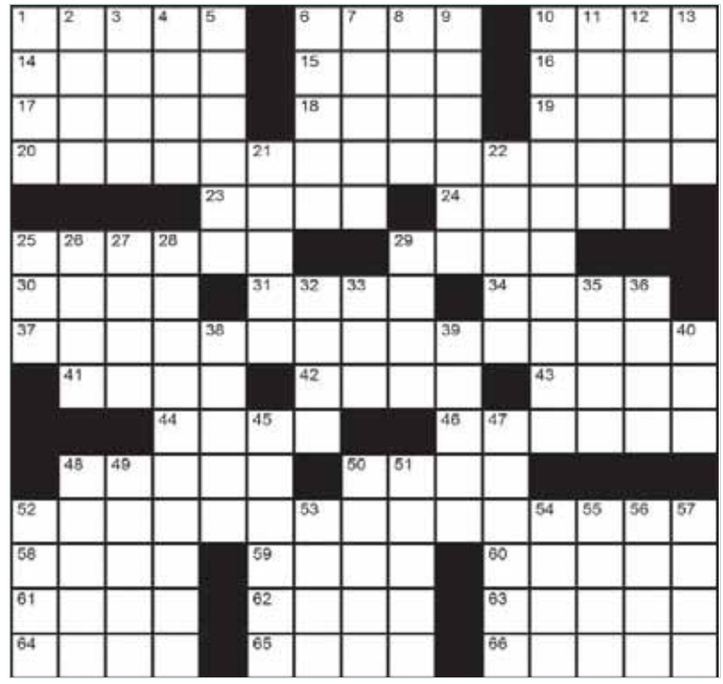
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do something that makes you feel good about yourself today. Your problems may seem huge but in reality they can't hurt you in the slightest. What is it that makes you feel glad to be alive? Do it some more.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Life will offer you opportunities but it is up to you whether or not you do anything with them. An interesting offer will come your way over the next few days. Make it your own.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Fame and fortune can be yours if you want them but do you? As a Pisces, you may prefer to keep a low profile, but if so that's a shame as you have so much to offer. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

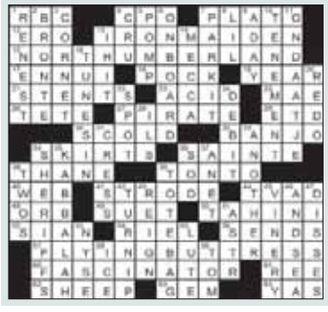
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Across
1. Then, in Tadoussac
6. Pal; or, 104.5 __ FM (Toronto radio station)
10. Link up
14. "__ __ can be told." (The story can be revealed finally)
15. Stockings
16. Do __ others...
17. Singer Mr. Lopez
18. "That's ___ surfboard!" (How gnarly!)
19. Glassmaking oven
20. They were extravagant shows on Broadway: 2 wds.
23. "Cool Hand __" (1967) starring Paul Newman
24. Westerns star John
25. Cat, at times
29. Rebuff
30. A famous Jessica
31. "Rolie Polie __"
34. Additional
37. Quebec City's historic 1759 battleground: 3 wds.
41. AD = __ Domini
42. Comic actress Roseanne
43. Bean __ (Tofu)
44. Knowing
46. Low-carb diet
48. __ que (Because, in French)
50. Two-and-two's sum
52. Armour-wearing mounted warriors: 2 wds.
58. Jagged cliff
59. Actor, Chris D'__
60. Spy's disguise garment
61. Addiction-causing Crystal
62. Pre-Beatles band for Ringo, __ Storm & The Hurricanes
63. Ms. Clarkson
64. Q. "__ '__ Canada', the showbiz news program, on Global?" A. "Yes."
65. Butterfly banes
66. 2013, Year of the __

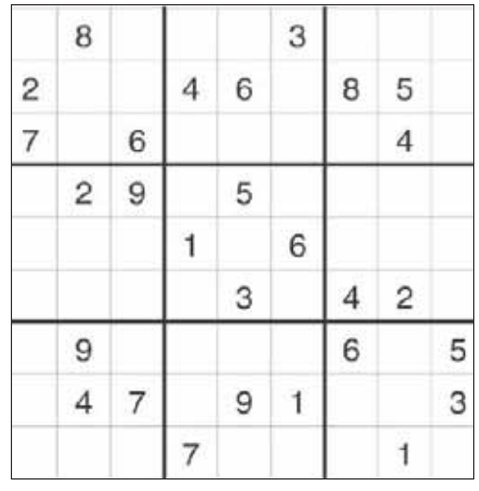
Down
1. 1998 animated bug flick
2. Ms. Singer of "Footloose" (1984)
3. Boo-boo
4. Finger jewelry
5. Suppress
6. Sidewalk artist's tool
7. Throng of people
8. Thunderbirds org.
9. Guess Who song: "Hand ___ World"
10. 'Canada's Queen of R&B': 2 wds.
11. __ a million: 2 wds.
12. "..._ ___ wed."
13. Partners of neithers, often
21. Across-the-Pond moneys
22. "Today" anchor Matt
25. Traveller's aid
26. 'Salmon' suffix (Kitchen prep worry)
27. Seaport of Scotland
28. Singer/pianist Rufus
29. Singe
32. Earring spot
33. "__ _ picture paints...": Bread song bit
35. Feng __ (Art of placement)
36. Pull in
38. Soft drink orderer's request: 2 wds.
39. Electric shavers name
40. ER pros
45. Ontario's Trent-__ Waterway
47. Fools
48. Fathers: French
49. Sets _ __ (What the engaged couple does)
50. Tease
51. Sanctions
52. Gladiator's 1901
53. __ vera
54. Country star Mr. Campbell
55. Greeting in Granada!
56. Converse
57. Scottish dog breed, __ Terrier

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8	2	6	4	7	5	1	9	3
9	5	3	6	2	1	7	8	4
4	1	8	7	6	2	3	5	9
2	6	5	8	3	9	4	7	1
3	9	7	5	1	4	8	6	2
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